

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 2017

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 2004 that replace the previous one which was based in 1974. The CPI is published every month by the 15th

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	ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Mar-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	174.10	185.35	187.61	188.57	189.23	0.35	8.69
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	196.01	209.49	213.07	214.11	214.81	0.33	9.59
011	Food	32914	197.80	211.59	215.24	216.31	217.02	0.33	9.72
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	192.26	206.89	212.26	212.46	213.41	0.44	11.00
0112	Meat	8217	215.13	234.43	240.27	241.28	241.62	0.14	12.31
0113	Fish	2226	163.73	177.40	180.46	182.65	183.51	0.47	12.08
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	151.61	159.23	160.16	162.91	163.42	0.31	7.79
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	229.16	243.55	244.75	247.00	248.68	0.68	8.52
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	186.89	195.45	197.30	199.74	200.77	0.52	7.43
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	195.95	202.86	205.02	205.58	205.91	0.16	5.08
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	239.15	250.88	251.69	252.75	253.48	0.29	5.99
0119	Other Food Products	2248	154.42	166.72	168.49	168.91	169.21	0.18	9.58
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	131.69	134.24	135.33	135.47	135.53	0.04	2.92
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	119.18	121.31	121.51	121.64	122.01	0.30	2.37
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	137.64	147.90	148.52	149.12	149.86	0.50	8.88
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	135.77	145.13	145.46	145.83	146.53	0.48	7.93
032	Footwear	1477	144.52	158.06	159.76	161.20	162.12	0.57	12.18
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	177.78	182.19	182.85	183.66	184.60	0.51	3.83
042	Actual Rent	498	133.57	138.37	138.37	139.35	139.54	0.14	4.47
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	195.53	200.17	201.13	201.93	203.23	0.64	3.94
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	135.73	140.24	140.66	140.86	141.00	0.10	3.88
06	Health	728	134.18	136.03	136.03	136.65	136.65	0.00	1.84
07	Transport	2706	225.86	226.53	228.19	229.62	230.15	0.23	1.90
08	Communication	1822	104.61	104.85	104.85	104.86	104.86	0.00	0.24
09	Recreation and Culture	957	121.85	126.19	126.39	126.66	126.66	0.00	3.94
10	Education	918	109.23	109.44	109.51	109.51	109.51	0.00	0.26
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	179.08	194.19	196.62	197.75	198.57	0.41	10.88
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	188.14	214.75	216.20	219.83	221.96	0.97	17.98
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		169.09	178.33	179.60	180.87	182.13	0.70	7.71
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		196.01	209.49	213.07	214.11	214.81	0.33	9.59
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		145.84	154.21	154.78	155.62	156.24	0.39	7.13

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 8.69 percent from March 2016 to March 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 9.59 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 7.13 percent.

From March 2016 to March 2017, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 12.31 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 12.08 percent and ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 11.00 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’, ‘Actual Rental’ and ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 12.18 percent, 7.93 percent, 4.47 percent and 3.94 percent respectively.

During the months of February 2017 to March 2017, ‘Oils and Fats’, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Fish and Fish products’ and ‘Bread and Cereals’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.68 percent, 0.52 percent, 0.47 percent and 0.44 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.71 percent in March 2017 compared to 7.57 percent which was recorded in February 2017.

Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8	8.8									

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (Mar 2016–Mar 2017)

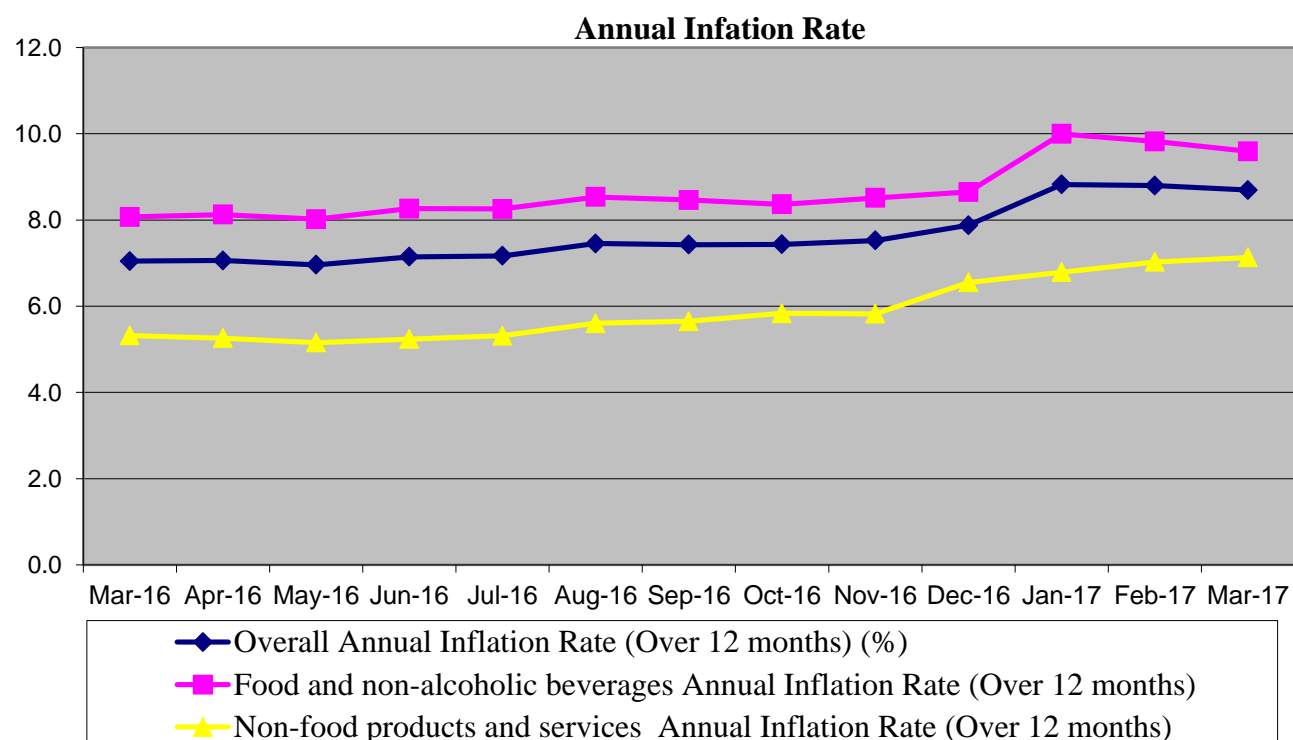
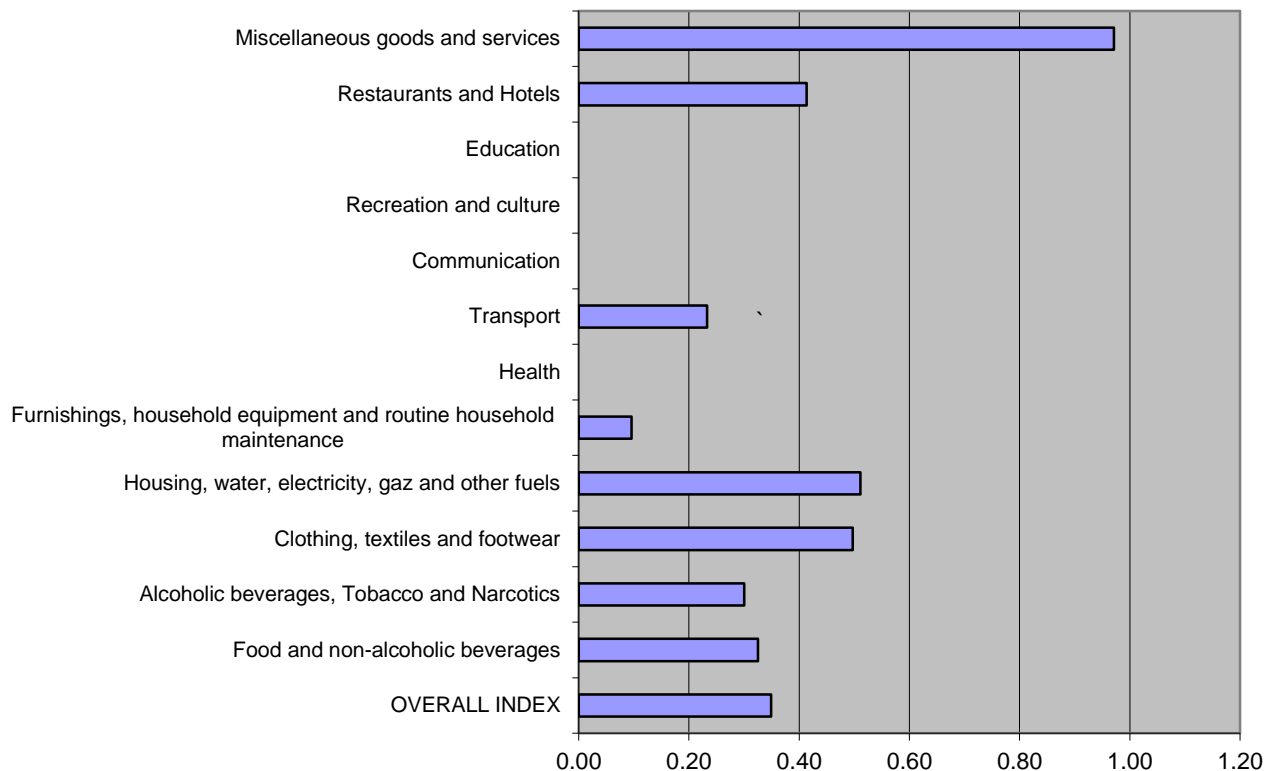


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: February 2017 to March 2017

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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